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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Twice Amended): A floss dispenser, comprising:

a housing defining at least a receiving chamber with a floss bobbin rotationally received therein;

a floss fork arranged at an end of the housing for bracing a section of floss thereon;

a first tension controlling device arranged on the housing for controlling tension of the floss from the floss bobbin, and comprising a ratchet having a slotted shaft through which a portion of the floss extends for securely anchoring the floss; and

a tensioner movably mounted to the housing and defining a passage through which the floss extends to selectively apply tension to the floss by the movement of the tensioner.

Claim 2 (Twice Amended): ~~A~~ The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, further comprising a cover removably attached to the housing to enclose the receiving chamber.

Claim 3 (Original): The floss dispenser as recited in claim 2, wherein the receiving chamber includes a feeding hole in which a threader having a passage is mounted.

Claim 4 (Deleted)

Claim 5 (Twice Amended): The floss dispenser as recited in claim 4~~1~~, wherein the ratchet is provided with a stopper such that the ratchet runs only in a single direction.

Claim 6 (Previously Amended): The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1,

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wherein the tensioner is mounted to the housing by a tensioner bracket of the housing.

Claim 7 (Original): The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the housing provides a cutter so as to cut the floss to a suitable length.

Claim 8 (Original): The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the floss fork includes a post for anchoring of the floss.

Claim 9 (Previously Amended): The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the tensioner is movable in a direction to release the tension of the floss so as to allow the floss to be removed from the floss fork thereby releasing the floss therefrom.

Claim 10 (Original): The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, further comprising a threader for easily threading the floss through feeding holes and passages of the housing.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the floss routes from the receiving chamber, further through a passage of the tensioner, a guiding slot of the floss fork, then braced by notches defined in ends of the fork, anchoring around a post adjacent to the floss fork, and finally securely anchored to the feeding device.

Claim 12 (Deleted)

Claim 13 (Deleted)

Claim 14 (Deleted)

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